As regards terms and conditions, the World Bank had laid certain stipulations regarding execution of the project components, implementation of environmental safeguard measures, rehabilitation and resettlement of Project Affected Persons (PAPs) and implementation of hydromet network in the Narmada basin which were substantially met with.

World Bank aided irrigation schemes in NE Region

2089. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation schemes and programmes in Nagaland and other States of North-East Region for which World Bank and other International Agencies sanctioned and granted financial aid during the last three years; and

(b) the details of such grants spent on the schemes; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No irrigation project in the North-East region including Nagaland has been implemented with the external assistance during the last three years. However, 'Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agriculture Support Project' under implementation since June, 1995 with World Bank assistance of SDR 81 million (Equivalent to Rs. 490.940 crores) with estimated total project cost of Rs. 567.64 crore is having an irrigation component (estimated cost of Rs. 29.91 crore) under the project. The cumulative credit disbursement upto October, 2002 is Rs. 346.327 crores. The project is scheduled to be completed by 31.12.2003. In addition, 'Ground Water Exploration Project' in Manipur has also been implemented during November, 1998 to June, 2001 with French assistance of FF 4.625 million (Rs. 2.952 crores). The assistance amount has been fully utilized by the State Government.

Cultivated land in various States

2090. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total hectare of land cultivated under the Cauvery Delta in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry; and

(b) whether it was come to notice of Central Government that certain States have increased the acreage of land if so, the details of such increase, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) While the Cauvery basin lies in the State of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry, the Cauvery Delta lies only in Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry. The total land cultivated in the Cauvery delta in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry is reported to be about 12 lakh acres.

(b) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in its Interim Order dated 25.6.91 has directed that the State of Karnataka shall not increase its area under irrigation by waters of the river Cauvery beyond existing 11.2 lakh acres as submitted before the Tribunal in May, 1991 by the State of Karnataka. The Tribunal has not placed any restrictions regarding increasing its area under irrigation by the waters of the river Cauvery by the other three basin States/UT.

Review of rain water harvesting

2091. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have still not thought of constituting a National Level Committee that would oversee the possibilities of rain water harvesting in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government intend of doing so in the near future and the details for the same thereby; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to plan, finance and execute schemes for augmenting water resources including rain water harvesting.